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EXHIBIT #V.A.

TO: Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: James E. Rier Jr., Commissioner*

DATE: May 14, 2014

SUBJECT: Receipt of the Team Report of Findings Concerning the Application from Husson University for Renewal of State Program Approval of its Educator Preparation Programs

BACKGROUND: Husson University submitted an application for renewal of current State program approval to offer its educator preparation programs. During this approval cycle the College is seeking authorization for the following programs:

Undergraduate Programs:

- Elementary Education
- Physical Education
- Secondary Education (with concentrations in English, Life Science And Physical Science)
- Educational Studies – Career and Technical Education
- Health Education

Graduate Program:

- Master of School Counseling

From noon Sunday, March 30 through noon Wednesday, April 2, 2014 the Review Team members met on the Husson University campus in Bangor to thoroughly assess the School of Education's degree programs. Following this visit the Team compiled its Report of Findings which summarizes what the Team found as evaluated against the Board's educator preparation program approval standards.

A copy of the Husson University School of Education's Self-Study Report and the Review Team's Report of Findings are being distributed for receipt by State Board members along with this exhibit during the Board's May 14, 2014 meeting. It is anticipated that this matter will appear as an action agenda item during the Board's June 11, 2014 meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education receive the Review Team's Report of Findings concerning Husson University's request for renewal of prior state program approval for its educator preparation programs.

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